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GO SERV "SPOTLIGHT" HONORS VOLUNTEERS WORKING TO PRESERVE STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST

Volunteers Work to Educate and Protect National Forest

SACRAMENTO - The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GO SERV) is featuring Stanislaus Wilderness Volunteers. Serving in the Stanislaus National Forest, this remarkable team of 30 volunteers, from ages 30 to 70, help maintain, restore, and protect the "wilderness character" of the National Wilderness Preservation System.

"We need more volunteers like the Stanislaus Volunteers in our communities," Executive Director of GO SERV, Chuck Supple said. "They are the perfect example of the impact volunteers can have on the world around them."

This particular volunteer program has been around for more than a decade and all who volunteer are experienced in backpacking and outdoor activities. Their mission is to provide "well-trained, effective and enthusiastic volunteers to assist the Forest Service and help them achieve its goals and responsibilities under the Wilderness Act of 1964." The team also recruits and trains new members and monitors their performance. Some of the team's most recent accomplishments include the development of a wilderness education plan and the restoration of the Baker Station facility, which will now be used as the new High Sierra Learning Center for college students interested in environmental education.

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